

# Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia

## JIM HAYES IS CONTEMPTED

Negro Paper at Norfolk Says He Is Doing Negroes Harm.

## NEGRO VOTERS ORGANIZE

The Movement is Probably Designed to Meet the "Lily White" Sentiment in Republican Circles at Norfolk.

Mr. Wisor Reported Ill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., February 6.—The Norfolk News and Advertiser, a negro paper, in its issue to-day condemns J. H. Hayes, the negro lawyer, who recently made an incendiary speech at Washington. The editorial says:

"The negro lawyer, James H. Hayes, who claims to represent the negroes of this State, is doing the negroes more harm in his uncalculated utterances to the outside world than anybody else, even those who are kicking against the Constitution of this State. Thousands and thousands of negroes in this State do not agree with Lawyer Hayes in his particular defense, making speeches for the negroes. What Hayes is saying is that the negroes are well-to-do and do not need the protection of the law. It is simply the sayings of Hayes."

Colored voters are invited to meet here next Tuesday night. The call says the colored voters of the city are expected to organize a Republican association among the negro voters for the political advancement of the race. The call is signed by W. H. Thoroughgood, who is employed in the Custom House here, and W. H. Miles, who is employed in the navy yard. There is no declaration as to the real purpose of the association, but it is presumed that the negroes are preparing to defend themselves from the political extortion of the "Lily Whites" are proposing to subject them to.

## MR. WYSOR ILL

Private advices received here say that Joseph Wisor, of Pulaski, late member of the Constitutional Convention, is seriously ill from congestion of the lungs. He fell into the water by accident and became thoroughly chilled before he could be rescued. The congestion followed, from which he is suffering now.

Colonel J. R. Waddy, the postmaster here, had a sudden attack of lameness this morning. He started from his residence in Duke Street to the postoffice, but had gone but a short distance when the muscles of his leg refused to work, and he had to call for assistance to return home. His friends have called at the house and returned to declare that nothing strange is the matter, and that Colonel Waddy expects to be in his office as usual to-morrow morning.

Judge Martin, of the Court of Law and Chancery, this morning granted a decree of divorce from Elizabeth Bure on the ground of abandonment.

## OYSTER SHELL OUTPUT

Oyster shells are in demand and the price has risen from 2 cents last summer to 3 cents to-day. The output is many as could be sold at that price in this market. The output of the various oyster packing houses in this city alone is about 500 bushels a year. The last large delivery of shells was that to the Cottage Toll Road of 5,000 bushels, which were sold at last summer's price of 2-1/2 cents a bushel. The shells are used for road making and for fillings and foundations. The contract for the Cottage Toll Road was for 70,000 bushels with one year's delivery again except at the advanced price. The shells are used for road making and for fillings and foundations. The contract for the Cottage Toll Road was for 70,000 bushels with one year's delivery again except at the advanced price.

James W. Dunn's suit failed. After a two days' trial and much evidence, some sensational, the jury was but ten minutes in determining that the plaintiff should not recover from Samuel Davidson for the alienation of the affections of his wife. The suit was brought after the plaintiff had gained a divorce from his wife, and the statutory change and the mention of the defendant in the present case as co-respondent. The amount of damages was fixed at \$10,000, and the case created a great deal of interest because of the prominence of the defendant in politics and as a saloon owner. The plaintiff is a longshoreman and had only been married to his wife a short time when she was through his hands. The case was brought by the plaintiff to the companies he received, and was driven from his home by the attack of three women when he objected.

John Dunn, a negro, is suing in the Court of Law and Chancery for personal injuries. The amount demanded is \$5,000 and the defendant is C. R. Parlette, a contractor and builder, for whom the plaintiff was working on a new house. There is a model of the house to show to the jury how the plaintiff fell from the second story because there were not enough planks to afford safe passage for the man who was working. The case will consume the entire day. There are many witnesses, and the attorneys will deliver long speeches.

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS. The delegates have been appointed by Mayor Riddick to attend the meeting of the Virginia Conference of Charities and Corrections to be held in Richmond on the 20th, 21st and 22nd inst. The delegates are John C. Roper, J. C. Tat and James W. McCarriker. They are expected to meet the other members of the convention to discuss matters of interest to the city and the State. James Dolph, of the United States Marine Corps, who was recently reinstated after having been discharged from the corps for physical disability, died this morning at the United States Naval Hospital.

His brother, Lewis Dolph, of New York, has been communicated with in reference to the disposition of the body of the deceased. It was through his efforts that Dolph was allowed to re-enter the corps, and was sent to the Marine Hospital for treatment.

William A. Cooke, a cooper in the navy yard, lost his life this morning by being caught between the ordnance ship Alice and a barge. Mr. Cooke was a member of the Chambers Fire Company. He died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The Old Dominion Lumber Co., of P. H. Hayes, a wife, Jennie Martin Cooke, and no children.

Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell has declined to accept the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of this city. Last night at a well attended prayer service at his church in Wilmington, N. C., he tendered his resignation as pastor of that church and announced his intention to accept the call to Norfolk. Dr. Blackwell was urged to reconsider his determination and remain with them, but declined.

Ten Years for Hairston. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 6.—The jury in the case of Ed. Hairston, indicted for the murder of Logan Smith, both colored, brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree to-day and gave him ten years in the penitentiary.

The negroes got into a difficulty in a

Reno and Southern car at the depot in this city last December over a bottle of whiskey, and Hairston shot Mundy three times, inflicting wounds from which he died later at the hospital. Hairston fled, and was captured in Henry county.

## WANT FOUR TERMS

Bar of Albemarle Make Suggestions as to Court Terms.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 6.—At a meeting of the bar of Albemarle county and the city of Charlottesville, held in the courthouse at noon to-day, a resolution was unanimously adopted, expressing the opinion that there should be a general law for the whole State, providing that in each county there shall be held at least four terms of the Circuit Court each year, the dates of said terms to be fixed by said law; and that there should be a further provision that, if in the opinion of the judges of any circuit more than four terms are necessary and expedient for the public interest, the judge shall be authorized to hold the same at such times as he may determine. The notice of such additional terms to be provided for by the general law, and all business to be done at such additional terms as may be specified by the general law.

The bar of Albemarle recommends the following dates for the four regular terms in Albemarle county: The first Monday in March, the first Monday in June, the first Monday in October and the first Monday in December. In the opinion of the bar, the jurisdiction in the matter of the admission of attorneys and the committee of the estates of persons who have been adjudged insane or convicted of felony and in the matter of the substitution of trustees, should be conferred on the judges of the several Circuit Courts, with the right of appeal to said Circuit Court.

## WHY THE ENLARGEMENT

Cemetery of Second Healthiest Place in the Country to Be Made Larger.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CULPEPER, VA., February 6.—At the regular meeting of the City Council last night the sum of \$400 was appropriated for the purpose of buying additional land to enlarge the cemetery, the present cemetery being but a small plot of ground by United States soldiers at Washington, D. C. Culpeper is noted as being the second healthiest place in the whole country.

At this same meeting of the Council the necessary steps were taken to have the engineer prepare maps and estimates of cost in completing the sewerage system for the entire town.

Last night Armory Hall was all ablaze with light, flowers and fashion, the occasion being the complimentary semi-annual dance given by the young ladies to the young men of the Ball Club. The hall was artistically decorated with flowers, potted plants and the music came from Washington. A beautifully served supper was one of the features of the occasion.

## SENT FOR A GAG

Court Threatens to Use it on a Defendant at Manassas.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MANASSAS, VA., February 6.—Robert McIntire, who was recently arrested in Washington charged with attempting the life of his brother, Hampton McIntire, of Dumfries, Va., about fourteen months ago, was tried here yesterday. During the progress of the trial the accused grew very violent, and in spite of the frequent admonitions of the court persisted in interrupting witnesses, denouncing his brother and sister-in-law in the most violent manner, and applying to them the most offensive epithets imaginable.

The court finally sent Deputy Sheriff E. W. Cornwell for a gag, which was brought, but McIntire promised to behave. The gag will probably be concluded to-morrow.

## HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

An Axe Slipped While Mr. R. R. Haile Was Cutting Wood.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ELKO, VA., January 6.—A few evenings ago, Mr. R. R. Haile narrowly escaped a very serious accident. While cutting wood he was slipping and fell, his axe cutting him in the leg. The wound was deep, but he escaped serious injury. The axe was a long-handled one, and the blow was a severe one. The wound was deep, but he escaped serious injury.

The Elko school is not so well attended as formerly; parents of former pupils have failed to send their children's health by sending them to such a public place, since the smallpox scare, a few miles from this place.

## FATALLY BURNED

Six-Year-Old Child Dies from Injuries at Pulaski.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PULASKI, VA., February 6.—Mary Peyton Gray, the six-year-old child who was so badly burned yesterday, died last night. She was playing in the yard and struck a match and set the grass on fire. Sidney Stinson, a fellow pupil, pointed to the Wilton negroes, and William and Arthur Wilton and William Jones were arrested. Shock Wilton was taken to the hospital, and died there. The trial of Shock Wilton has not been held.

## WEDDING CARDS

Mr. O. S. Williams to Wed Miss Annie A. Harrison.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DISPUTANTA, VA., Feb. 6.—Invitations are out to the marriage at the residence of Dr. Harrison, of Middle River, of Miss Annie A. Harrison to Mr. O. S. Williams, of this place, on February 13th.

Miss Harrison has for several years been principal of the graded school at this place, which position she resigned a few weeks ago. Miss Harrison is very popular at this place, as well as in Petersburg, Va., her home.

Mr. Williams is a very young man of this neighborhood, a son of the late Dr. O. S. Williams, and a very prosperous young farmer.

The couple will make their home in or near Disputanta.

## Burton—Childress.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTER, VA., February 6.—An interesting marriage took place at the home of Mrs. Sarah Childress, about two miles from Beach, in Chesterfield, at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, when Mr. W. F. Burton and Miss Minnie M. Childress were united in holy matrimony. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. W. Watkins, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The attendants were Miss Minnie F.

## JAILOR WAS LOCKED IN

Negro Escapes a Second Time from Farmville Jail.

## TOBACCO MARKET ACTIVE

More Sold This Week Than Any Week Since Christmas—Roads in Terrible Condition—Prices Holding Up Very Well.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FARMVILLE, VA., February 6.—The notorious John Brown, who was in jail awaiting a second trial for felony, being charged with entering and stealing from the residence of Miss Pattison, made good his escape from the county jail yesterday in a very unique manner. When the jailer, Edward Matthews, went to feed his prisoners, Brown played a trick upon the unsuspecting turnkey, which will probably teach the jailer a lesson.

Matthews, unarmed, stepped inside the cell to distribute victuals, when, with the stealthiness of a fox, John Brown stepped outside, and, having realized what had happened, the prisoner had closed the ponderous iron door upon him. The cell doors lock automatically when closed, and before assistance could be had, he had in response to the wild screams of the jailer, John Brown had made good his escape.

The bloodhounds, which were recently purchased by the county at a cost of seventy-five dollars, was hurriedly sent for, and with rare advantage, freshly-made and well-defined footprints in damp, plant ground, was unable to find the trail. Brown was seen by several to take an easterly direction and as yet has not been captured. This makes the second time the negro has escaped from the county jail.

## TOBACCO MARKET.

There has been more tobacco sold on the Farmville market this week than in any week since the Christmas holidays. The weather was of the farmer in this section took advantage of the warm spell and brought a little to market. The roads are still in a horrible condition, but the tobacco trade is still active. Prices continue to hold up very well, but, as usual with receipts are large, a slight decline in prices is noticed. The largest sale was held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

## BURNED TO DEATH.

A nine-year-old child of Charlie Jones (colored), of this place, was burned to death this morning. While playing around the fireplace, his clothes caught, and before assistance could arrive, he had been burned almost to a crisp. There was no one in the house excepting three small children, who were not old enough to realize what had happened, and the body of the child was found some hours later by several white people in the yard among the leaves. She was evidently making her way towards a small stream of water, but fell in the water, and was found by the parents in the country attending a funeral.

## WILTON HANCED

Murder of John Lee Self-Possessed to the Last.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 6.—Arthur Wilton, the murderer of John Lee, was hanged this morning. The drop fell at 11:11 and at 11:29 he pronounced dead. Wilton was self-possessed to the last, and even after the black cap had been adjusted sang a verse of a song.

In a short talk on the scaffold he stated that he had enticed the old man to the door and robbed him afterward, but that his brother, Shack Wilton, and Will Jones had struck the fatal lick Jones was under sentence to hang on the 13th day of March. But Shack Wilton has not been tried. The body was shipped to the University of Virginia.

The crime for which Wilton was hung is still fresh in the minds of the people, and was one of the most deliberate and cold-blooded murders of the city. On the 13th of last November Jack Lee, an old and highly respected colored farmer of North Carolina, came to the city with a load of tobacco. He sold his tobacco and it was presumed that he was in his pocket. He was enticed by Arthur Wilton and his brother Shock and another negro named William Jones to the rear of Tolland's Warehouse, where Lee was beat to death. The body of the old man was found in the yard, and he was found to be dead. He was found to be dead.

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Children, sister of the bride, and Miss Faye Vaughan, of Manchester.

After the ceremony light refreshments were served; popular games and other amusements were indulged in until a late hour.

Another most present were Mrs. Sarah Childress, mother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Burton, father and mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burton; Everett L. Childress, J. R. Childress, J. J. Childress, W. Childress, Miss Minnie F. Childress, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chapman, of Baltimore; Mrs. John Goode, of Manchester; Miss Lucy Frith, of Chesterfield Courthouse, and Miss Nann Bangle, of Beach.

The groom is the popular yardmaster of the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad at Farmville, and the bride the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sarah Childress, living near Beach.

## Brown—Field.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WESTHOPE, VA., February 6.—A beautiful marriage took place at Jones Church Wednesday evening, when Miss Mende S. Field became the bride of Mr. P. Charles Brown. The bride was attired in white silk, with a long veil to match. The attendants were as follows: Miss Susie Wingfield, maid of honor; Dr. William D. Price, best man; Miss Minna Mayes with Mr. Herbert Green, Miss Anna Coaker with Mr. Arthur Brown, Miss May Owen with Mr. Willie Owen, Mr. Charles Little and Mr. Carroll Green acted as ushers.

## Hamilton—Ward.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., February 6.—A pretty marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride, on North Lewis Street, in this city, yesterday, when Miss Nellie M. Hamilton, daughter of Mr. Robert M. Hamilton, was united in marriage to Mr. William H. Ward, of Philadelphia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. N. Scott, of the Second Presbyterian Church. Miss Carrie Hamilton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Shelton Mann was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Ward left on the noon train for the city of Northern cities, after which they will make their home in Staunton.

## Cannon—Phillips.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEESBURG, VA., February 6.—Miss Carrie Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus A. Cannon, of Clark Gap, this county, was married at her home in this town on Wednesday, Feb. 6, to Mr. John T. Phillips, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony was performed by Elder E. V. White, of Leesburg.

## Wheeler—Runion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PULASKI, VA., February 6.—Miss Janette Runion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Runion, of this city, was quietly married to Mr. S. J. Wheeler, of Maple Shade Inn to Mr. A. S. J. Wheeler, of Maple Meadows, Rev. W. A. Brown, of the Episcopal Church, officiated.

## Helm—Capps.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., February 6.—Edgar Eugene Helm, of Baltimore, was married yesterday to Miss Helen Capps. The wedding was a quiet one. Rev. W. H. Riser, of the Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony.

## Collins—Stump.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RADFORD, VA., February 6.—Miss Caldonia Stump, aged twenty-four, of East Radford, was married yesterday afternoon to Mr. Lewis Collins, aged nineteen. The couple left for Pembroke, Va., where Mr. Collins is employed by the Norfolk and Western.

## Fire in King George.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
KING GEORGE, VA., February 6.—The residence of Mrs. Wesley Brown, near Alden, in this county, was burned yesterday. Very little furniture was saved.

## DATES SET FOR THE NEXT FAIR

Rappahannock Valley Society Arranging for Annual Exhibition at Fredericksburg.

## SEVERAL DESIGNS

Selection Soon to Be Made for the King William Monument.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WEST POINT, VA., Feb. 6.—The committee expects to adopt a design for the King William Confederate monument in the next ten days, and their work will be expected to go on with vim. Many designs have been recently received. There will be submitted to the committee two designs—one with figure of a soldier, the other with cannon ball on top of shaft, each about twenty feet high. There will also be other designs.

The E. S. Atkins Lumber Company will erect an excellent plant on Eighth Street, on a tract of land in the city.

Mr. E. Wilkison is repairing his property on the corner of Main and Seventh Streets.

Hon. T. H. Edwards, member of the Legislature from King William county, who resides in West Point, will take his family to Richmond to spend February.

The West Point Public School is considering some plans by which they may add more suitable books to its library. More in number, not quality, for the present library in quality is very fine.

## INCREASE ALL AROUND

Salaries of Norfolk & Western Clerks Raised.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., February 6.—The clerks in the Norfolk and Western general offices got their expected increase to-day, dating from January 1st. There was no per cent. of increase followed out. The heads of the departments got an increase of 10, and the clerks 5 per cent. While it has been reported for some time, it was not positively known this afternoon when the men were given their checks with the raise.

## ROBE DE NUIT IN FLAMES

Miss Reese's Presence of Mind Saved Her from Serious Injury.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., February 6.—Miss Annie Reese, one of the most prominent friends in this section arose from her bed one night recently to do a little work. In lighting the lamp she dropped the match against her night gown, which was made of silk and robe de nuit. The match ignited the gown, and she was in a perilous position. She was in a perilous position.

The house was some distance from the main road, and out of view of any other building. It was nearly destroyed before discovered by others. Charles Miles is the butler for Mr. J. V. Kates, and was at Mr. Kates' house attending to his duties when his home burned. He lost everything he possessed. He is a very respectable man and has the sympathy of the entire community.

The house burned is the last trace of the old settlement known as the Coghill homestead, which flourished before it passed into the hands of the Bon Air Land Company.

## STRICTLY LIQUOR LAW

All Lynchburg Saloons to Close at 10 o'clock.

## THE TAX RATE IS RAISED

The Council Declines the Request of the Local Military for a New Armory and as a Result the Officers Write Their Resignations.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., Feb. 6.—The City Council at its annual meeting held to-day adopted sweeping and stringent measures to regulate the sale of liquor. The license tax on retail dealers was increased from \$500 to \$600. All saloons are required to close at 10 P. M. and not open until 5 A. M.; between these hours the interiors of the saloons are to be lighted, and all screens at windows are to be removed, so that any one passing on the street can plainly see everything in the saloons, except for gaming devices of any kind and no musical or attractive features will be allowed. Where restaurants or groceries are run in connection with bars they are to observe the same hours for closing and opening, and between these hours their interiors are to be exposed to view from the street. No minors can be served in the saloons, and heavy fines, and for third offenses imprisonment are imposed for infraction of the ordinances.

Another ordinance requires all poolrooms and billiard-rooms to close at 10 P. M. and open at 5 A. M., and they are not to be entered by any minor.

The Council decided to raise taxes by a dollar and fifty cents to a dollar and sixty cents. Two hundred dollars was added to the tax on wholesale beer dealers.

The Water Committee reported in favor of securing a gravity supply of water for Lynchburg, to cost eight hundred thousand dollars, the water to be brought from Pedlar River, in Amherst county, twenty miles from Lynchburg.

The Council voted to lay on the table the petition of the Home Guard for a new armory. This action has caused the commander of the company, Captain R. B. Craighill, First Lieutenant George Pleasants and Second Lieutenant R. C. Williams to write out their resignations, which will be forwarded at once to the Adjutant-General.

Bayless and Begley, the two young men arrested here yesterday for stealing a large sum of money in Philadelphia, have agreed to return to Philadelphia without requisition papers, and an officer is expected to come here to-night for them.

## SLIGHT CLUE TO GHOULS

Resident Near Cemetery Met Strangers With Spades and Lanterns.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ONANCOCK, VA., Feb. 6.—Some slight clues as to those who robbed Mrs. Chas. E. Stangle, of this city, were published in The Times-Dispatch, have developed.

A Mr. Scott, who lives near the cemetery, states that one night during the past week he met two men who asked him the way to the cemetery. It was extremely dark and he could not distinguish any of their features, but thought they were strangers. It is stated that they had spades and unlighted lanterns.

Some residents state that in coming down the bay front, the Confederacy had a meeting at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon with Mrs. H. E. Blam.

## SOMETHING ORIGINAL

Investigations Typewritten, and Colors Red, White and Blue.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 6.—To-night a number of young men gave a surprise party to the young women friends at the home of Mrs. Gurley, on Bank Street. The invitations were typewritten and their colors red, white and blue. Their promise of "something original" was carried out.

The day after to-morrow, the Confederacy had a meeting at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon with Mrs. H. E. Blam.

Rainfall at Lexington. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEXINGTON, VA., February 6.—Professor Harry D. Campbell, of Washington and Lee University, government observer here, reports that during the month of January 460 inches of rain fell here. The heaviest fall was on the 24th, when two inches fell.

A jug of whiskey and a box of tobacco for consignees in the neighborhood were stolen from the Baltimore and Ohio station at Decatur.

Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, pastor of the Lexington Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. W. J. Young, pastor of Corner Street Methodist Church, Lynchburg, Va., will exchange pulpits Sunday next.

Wharf at Gunston Leased. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 6.—The wharf at Gunston, Fairfax county, Va., the landing place for old Gunston Hall, has been leased to the Government. The wharf is the property of the late Joseph Specht by Colonel Edward Daniel, of Gunston. Colonel Daniel will lease the wharf for a long period and will put it in thorough order for the landing of steamboats. Large quantities of fresh fish are shipped from Gunston to the dealers here.

The training ship "Lancaster" and another ship will sail from here to-day for Norfolk and Newport News for coal, returning Monday.

The physicians report a number of cases of pneumonia in this vicinity, especially among the colored folk.

Mr. Thomas Irving, aged 26, Expired Suddenly in Tobacco Warehouse. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
KEYSVILLE, VA., February 6.—Mr. Thomas Irving, who lived near Wren, died suddenly on Tuesday morning in the waiting-room at the Wren station. He had carried a load of tobacco to Drake's Branch Warehouse on Monday and while waiting for the Tuesday morning train he was dozing in a chair in the waiting-room. About 4 o'clock he arose and replenished the fire, then resumed his seat. Soon after it was observed that he breathed heavily, and fell to the floor dead.